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[1](#)1. (C) Pursuant to Ref A guidance, on June 5 we delivered additional talking points to MFA UN desk chief Nilufer Kaygisiz regarding our continued interest in Turkey's support for Ambassador Bill Swing's IOM Director General candidacy (refs c and d). We emphasized Amb. Swing's strong credentials, the lack of government backing for any of the other candidates, and our understanding regarding the lack of EU consensus on any one candidate. Kaygasiz advised that Turkey is considering our request and will contact Embassy Ankara the week of June 9 to advise of the GOT's decision.

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